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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for September 24, 2020

Frederick, MD – September 24, 2020

Frederick County Health Department:

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| Confirmed Cases 3,975 Change in Last 24 Hours: +17 | Confirmed Deaths 124 Change in Last 24 Hours: +0 | 7-Day Positivity Rate 2.3% |
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Please check our dashboard for daily statistics: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

Frequently Asked Question: If I'm in quarantine for 14 days because I've been around someone who tested positive for COVID-19 and I test negative for COVID-19 myself, can I end my quarantine early?

- *Answer:* No, a negative result for a COVID-19 test during quarantine does not shorten the 14 day quarantine. People who are exposed to someone with COVID-19 are in quarantine for 14 days because of the incubation period of the virus. It is possible to test negative on day 4 of quarantine and still develop symptoms and test positive a few days later. It is important to stay in quarantine for the entire 14 days to make sure that you don't get sick yourself and possibly spread the virus to others. Read more about quarantine [here](#).

Updates on Community Testing Clinics

- Saturday, Sept. 26 from 2:30-4pm at Mullinex Park, 16 S. Bentz Street Frederick
- Mondays from 2:30-4pm in the Frederick Towne Mall parking lot, W. Patrick Street Frederick

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JIC:

Halloween is just around the corner and it will be a little different this year to make sure everyone can enjoy safely. There are still fun activities that you can do! Here's a list of [recommendations](#) from Frederick County Government and the Frederick County Health Department. You can also find a list of lower/moderate/and high risk activities [here](#). Thank you for helping to keep our community safe and healthy during Halloween!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Plan on **low risk activities** this year:

- pumpkin carving, a virtual costume party, or a scavenger hunt. See more ideas [here](#).
- Outdoor activities are better than indoor activities.
- Small gatherings are better than large gatherings or parties.
- Enjoy pumpkin patch and hayrides in small groups. Wear masks and stay distanced if other households join you.
- Choose haunted forests instead of inside haunted houses.

Door-to-door trick-or-treating is not encouraged. If you do choose this activity, here are some tips to protect others and yourself:

 **Trick-or-Treaters:**

- Wear a cloth mask under a costume mask to keep a close fit over the nose and mouth.
- Go with your own household and keep distance between other groups.
- Use flashlights or glow sticks so walkers can be easily seen.
- Wash your hands before going trick-or-treating and use hand sanitizer after touching surfaces and objects.

 **Candy-Givers:**

- Wash/sanitize hands before passing out candy.
- Wear a face covering.
- Set up candy outside if possible and consider creative ways to get candy to kids safely, like individual treat bags.

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Frederick County Public Schools:

Now that families have experienced the virtual learning model the past three weeks, schools want to know how parents feel it's going.

We also want to hear families' preferences for an instructional model to support ongoing discussion about our reopening plan.

If you haven't yet received it, please watch for an email from your school and take a few minutes to respond to the survey. You are invited to complete one survey per child enrolled in FCPS.



The survey is available in English and Spanish. Please take it once per student. **The deadline to respond is Friday, September 25.**

For more information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19.

Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: <https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19>
- Frederick County Government: www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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